



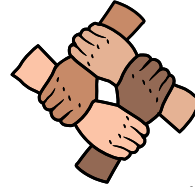
# COMMUNITY MATTERS

*Building Community. Enriching Lives.*



## SAVANNAH WOOD

*A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO*



Happy New Year! As we enter 2025, I am filled with immense gratitude and excitement for the year ahead. 2024 has been a year of growth, resilience, and impactful partnerships, all driven by our shared vision of creating a community where we can reduce barriers to housing, social well-being, and economic opportunity.

This January marks not only a fresh start but also an opportunity to renew our commitment to the mission that binds us together: ensuring access to safe, affordable housing and fostering sustainable community development.

This month, we are excited to release our **2024 Annual Report**, end additional cases of homelessness through housing at the Promise Home, strengthen existing programs, and deepen our collaborations with local leaders, organizations, and, most importantly, you—our neighbors and partners. Together, we will continue to tackle challenges head-on, build equitable solutions, and celebrate the progress we achieve along the way.

As we reflect on the strides we've made, let us also embrace the challenges ahead as opportunities to innovate and grow. Thank you for your unwavering support, whether as a donor, volunteer, advocate, or partner. Your belief in our mission fuels the impactful work we do daily.

Let's make 2025 a year of hope, action, and transformation. **Together, we can make a lasting difference.**

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ECHO Housing and Community Development is happy to introduce two new members to our Board of Directors! Please help us welcome them to the ECHO Team!



TJ Summers, Glenwood Community Revitalization & Youth Development Specialist at the YMCA



Rob Foncannon, of Foncannon CPA Group

We have also proudly established an Emeritus Board, honoring the invaluable contributions of past board members who have shaped our mission and legacy. The Emeritus Board serves as a council of trusted advisors, providing institutional knowledge, mentorship, and strategic insight to support ECHO's continued growth and impact. **Lucy Himstedt & Lu Porter** are the first members of the Emeritus Board. Thank you for all you have done for ECHO!



## Mission

Improving lives by reducing barriers to housing, social wellbeing, and economic opportunity

## Vision

Our vision is a community where housing, social wellbeing and economic opportunities are accessible to all, fostering a thriving and compassionate society where every person can reach their full potential.

## Core Values

- Compassion
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Advocacy

## Board of Directors

Dane Chandler - President  
*Banterra Bank*

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Jason Fisher, Treasurer  
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Chris Brinson  
*Community Volunteer*

Lisa Morton  
*Fifth Third Bank*

TJ Summers  
*YMCA*

Rob Foncannon  
*Foncannon CPA Group*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Casual for a Cause* **2025**  
**SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED**  
 APRIL 25, 2025



## FROM THE FRONT LINES

The 2025 Casual 4A Cause will spotlight Veterans with the theme “Serving Those Who Served.” From Lucas Place II, our supportive housing, to the HVRP employment program at the Historic Gresham House, ECHO honors those who served. Your support helps ensure Veterans find stability.

## HOME AT LAST KITS

A big thank you to **St. Paul's UCC & Bethlehem UCC** for



purchasing & assembling Home At Last Kits for our new client move-ins. **If you have a group that would like to make these kits, contact Kim Armstrong at [kim.armstrong@echohousing.org](mailto:kim.armstrong@echohousing.org)!**

ECHO HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S  
**1ST ANNUAL PATRIOT GALA**  
 Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating our Military Veterans and First Responders.  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
 for  
**COMING HOME TO CASABLANCA**  
 Saturday, November 1, 2025  
 CK Newsome Center  
 Keep your ear to the ground for more details coming your way in early 2025

**House of Bread & Peace Raffle is back!**  
**October 24th**  
**Look out for details!**



## HOLIDAY DONOR APPRECIATION

**Media Ministries** once again ensured a joyful Christmas for Lucas Place families with food boxes and gifts for the children—thank you! This year, Holiday Cheer expanded to Garvin Lofts and Scattered Site Programs, thanks to **OneMain Financial**, which adopted 65 clients who rarely receive gifts. We're also deeply grateful to **Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 6** for their unwavering dedication to our Veterans throughout the year!



## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

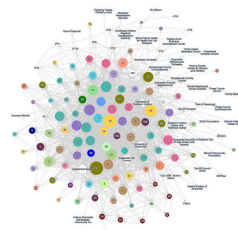
Krista Board is our 1st Quarter 2025 Positive Peer Award Winner! In just a year with ECHO, she's risen from Grants Manager to Chief Operations Officer. Krista was praised for her work ethic, attention to detail, and ability to make work fun. Congratulations, Krista!

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Coming Soon to the Public: Social Ecosystem Mapping

ECHO uses Visible Network Labs' social ecosystem mapping to analyze and strengthen relationships among community organizations, service providers, and stakeholders.

This tool helps identify gaps, optimize resources, and foster effective partnerships. After a year of preparation, we launched a data collection survey in November '24, enabling stakeholders to evaluate their networks and resources. Stay tuned for the public launch of results in early 2025!



## Let's Get Social

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